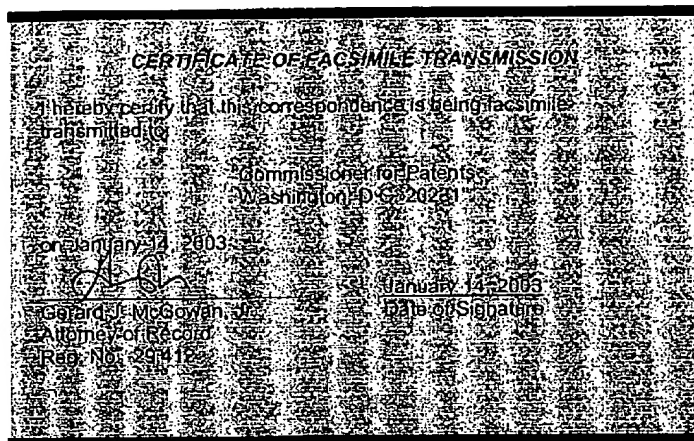


## PATENT

CASE #F3271(C)  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Cooke et al.  
Serial No.: 09/929,569  
Filed: August 14, 2001  
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Examiner: K. Hendricks  
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for two months from November 14, 2002 to January 14, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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